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LETTER FROM SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE TO DIRECTOR OF  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE MARCH 24, 1950

Appendix 1 to the Report of the IAC Ad Hoc Committee on VOA Jamming

State Department review completed

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Special Assistant to the Secretary of State  
Washington

March 24, 1950

Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

The Voice of America, which constitutes almost the only overt means of providing information of the free world to the peoples of the USSR and its satellites, is a primary instrument in implementing the foreign policy of the United States. Soviet jamming, however, has seriously reduced the effectiveness of VOA broadcasts. Vigorous efforts are being made to penetrate this jamming, and in this connection Congress has appropriated over \$11,000,000 for the increase of radio facilities.

To make these efforts effective, the Department of State has a critical need for all possible intelligence on Soviet jamming operations and techniques. The Assistant Secretary of State, Public Affairs, has requested that intelligence agencies undertake a specific program to meet this need.

There is attached as Tab A a study of this problem including recommendations for action to be taken by the Director of Central Intelligence and the IAC agencies. Attached as Tab B is an itemized listing of the types of technical intelligence data required by the VOA. In view of the urgency of this problem, it is requested that a special meeting of the IAC be called as soon as possible to consider the recommendations in Tab A.

Copies of this letter are being sent to the other members of the IAC.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ W. Park Armstrong, Jr.

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Enclosures:

Tabs A and B

Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter,  
Director of Central Intelligence

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